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1-14. (Cancelled)

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- 15. (Previously amended) A method for screening for a bioactive agent capable of binding to the cell cycle protein R0101, comprising:
- a) combining, said cell cycle protein R0101 and a candidate bioactive agent; and -
- b) determining the binding of said candidate bioactive agent to said cell cycle protein R0101, wherein said cell cycle protein R0101 comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 95% identity to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 and wherein said cell cycle protein R0101 binds to proliferating cell nuclear sequence (PCNA).
- 16. (Previously amended) A method according to Claim 15, wherein said cell cycle protein R0101 comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.
- 17. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 15, wherein said candidate bioactive agent is a member of a library of candidate bioactive agents [is added to] and said cell is a member of a plurality of cells comprising a recombinant nucleic acid encoding said R0101 protein.

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20. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 15, [further comprising determining] wherein said binding modifies the activity of said R0101 protein [in the presence of said candidate bioactive agent].

21. (Previously added) A method according to Claim 15, wherein step a) further comprises combining PCNA with said cell cycle protein R0101 and the candidate bioactive agent.